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Dear Ted Borda,

This letter documents the phone and email conversations between you and Aaron Coogan during the spring of 2021 and will serve as your Annual Operating Instructions (AOI) for the North and South Swauger Allotments on the Bridgeport Ranger District for the 2021 grazing season.

This AOI is made part of your Term Grazing Permit consistent with Part 1, Item 3 and Part 2, Item 8(a). Situations may develop which require changes to these instructions, if this becomes necessary, or if you cannot comply with some part of these instructions please contact the District Ranger and obtain approval before initiating changes.

PERMITTED USE

LIVESTOCK			PERIOD OF USE		AUTHORIZED AREA
NUMBER	KIND	CLASS	FROM	TO	
1200	Sheep	E/L	7/6	7/26	South Swauger
1200	Sheep	E/L	7/27	8/10	North Swauger
1200	Sheep	E/L	8/11	8/28	South Swauger

AUTHORIZED USE

LIVESTOCK			PERIOD OF USE		AUTHORIZED AREA
NUMBER	KIND	CLASS	FROM	TO	
700	Sheep	E/L	7/15	8/7	South Swauger
700	Sheep	E/L	8/8	8/31	North Swauger

The authorized use reflects the shift of season dates requested by you in accordance with FSH 2209.13 Supplement #2209.13-2017-1.

ALLOWABLE USE

The following allowable use standards apply to the North Swauger S&G Allotment:

- Maximum utilization standards are 65 percent for grass species and 35 percent for shrub species in riparian areas; 55 percent for grass species and 50 percent for shrub species in aspen, sagebrush and mountain brush communities. Maximum streambank disturbance is 20 percent.



The following allowable use standards apply to the South Swauger S&G Allotment:

- In meadows that are in early seral status (an early stage of succession in a plant community or vegetation type, generally characterized by plant species that are adapted to colonizing disturbed areas with a high proportion of bare soil) livestock utilization of grass and grass-like plants must be limited to 30 percent (or minimum six-inch stubble height).
- In meadows that are in late seral status (fifty percent or more of the relative cover of the herbaceous layer is late seral with high similarity to the potential natural community, a diversity of age classes of hardwood shrubs is present, and regeneration is occurring) livestock utilization of grass and grass-like plants must be limited to a maximum of 40 percent (or minimum 4 inch stubble height).
- In meadows that are degraded (such as those in early seral status with a greater than 10 percent meadow area in bare soil and active erosion) total rest from grazing is required until they have recovered and have moved to a mid or late seral status.
- In riparian areas browsing on mature riparian shrubs (including willow and aspen) is not to exceed 20 percent of the annual leader growth and is not to exceed more than 20 percent of individual seedlings.

MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

Allotment maps and management requirements, including improvement maintenance, salting, camping, and bedding for those allotments you are permitted have been provided to you.

Range improvements listed under part three in your term permit must be maintained prior to livestock entering the allotments. Range improvements must be maintained even when there is non-use on an allotment for whatever reason.

No nooning/shading/bedding within 100 yards of all streams. Do not bed sheep within 200 yards of designated campgrounds, trails, trailheads, or maintained roads.

Graze rather than trail to water and do not water at the same locations repeatedly to the extent possible. Route sheep to avoid steep slopes with loose soil snowbank areas, and active rills or gullies.

Place salt at least ¼ mile from water, roads, and trails. If there are specific areas that require salt placement outside these guidelines, you must obtain approval from this office prior to salting there. Haul dead livestock at least 100 yards from roads, trails, and water. All garbage and debris associated with managing your livestock on Forest Service Allotments must be removed from the National Forest.

If you or your employees spot a wildfire on any of your allotments, report it immediately to the Interagency Dispatch Center in Minden, NV at **(775) 883-5995**. As a reminder, if the Bridgeport Ranger District enters fire restrictions during 2021, this restriction applies to your operation as well.

Invasive weeds are becoming a serious threat to the welfare of our rangelands. Your assistance is needed to identify new outbreaks of weed populations and to prevent the establishment of weeds on the forest. Pay particular attention to areas where stock are concentrated such as loading/unloading

areas, water developments, and salting areas. A Noxious Weed Free Hay order has been implemented on our Forest. This requires any hay that is brought onto the National Forest to be certified free from noxious weeds. All livestock entering the National Forest are recommended to be fed Certified Noxious Weed Free Forage for at least 2 days prior to entering the Forest. Pelletized feed is not affected by this order.

The Bridgeport Travel Management Record of Decision was signed on March 5th, 2010. With the issuance of this decision all roads and trails designated for motor vehicle use will be identified on a motor vehicle use map (MVUM). As detailed in 36 CFR 261.13; 36 CFR 212.51a the prohibitions on motor vehicle use will not apply to motor vehicle use that is specifically authorized under a written authorization issued under Federal Law or Regulation (e.g., Term Grazing Permit). Through the 2021 grazing season, you and your employees are authorized to travel on non-MVUM routes within the allotments in your permit to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of your permit (e.g. improvement maintenance, dead livestock removal).

REPORTING

Allotment summary Forms, for reporting actual use and improvement maintenance are included. Please complete these forms and return them to this office by November 15, 2020. Failure to return actual use and improvement maintenance records may result in non-compliance actions being taken against your permit.

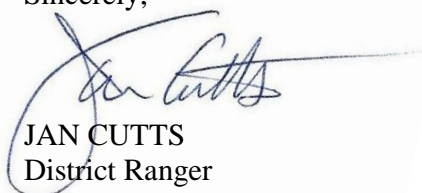
GENERAL MANAGEMENT

The grazing fees for 2021 are \$0.27 per head month for sheep.

As a reminder, approval of request for permittee convenience non-use are not automatic and the authorized officer should discuss the reasons for the nonuse request with the permittee. Approval of a request for permittee convenience nonuse is may be approved by the authorized officer for no more than three consecutive years and not more than four years in any ten-year period.

If you have any questions on the management of the above allotments please contact Aaron Coogan at 760-932-5850 or aaron.coogan@usda.gov.

Sincerely,



JAN CUTTS
District Ranger